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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ITALIAN UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS FOSCHI: DISCUSSION OF ILO

SUMMARY: UNDER SECRETARY FOSCHI MET MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH
IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES BAKER AND DALLEY TO DISCUSS
ILO SITUATION IN DETAIL. FOSCHI MADE CLEAR HIS WILLINGNESS
TO BE HELPFUL AT ILO JUNE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HIS
EMPHASIS WAS ON A MEDIATORY ROLE FOR ITALY. FOSCHI EXPRESS-
ED CONCERN ABOUT EFFECTS OF AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL ON BALANCE
OF POWER IN ILO. DEPT OFFICERS STRESSED THAT DANGER OF US
WITHDRAWAL WAS REAL AND THAT CONCRETE, VISIBLE PROGRESS ON
ISSUES OF CONCERN WAS NECESSARY IF WITHDRAWAL WAS TO BE
AVOIDED. END SUMMARY.

1. FOSCHI OPENED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
"USG'S PROBLEMS WITH AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT" AND STATEMENT
OF HIS INTENTION TO MEET WITH AFL-CIO (MOLISONI) DURING HIS
WASHINGTON VISIT TO "MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND THEY SHOULD NOT
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ASSUME INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE THUS BRINGING US TO PLACE OF
ISOLATION IN WORLD COMMUNITY." FOSCHI ASKED IF "THIS GAP
CANNOT BE CLOSED AT JUNE CONFERENCE, SHOULD ITALY SUPPORT
USG AGAINST AFL-CIO?" DEPT OFFICERS EXPLAINED CLC TO
FOSCHI AND ASSURED HIM US APPROACH TO ILO PROBLEM WAS

JOINTLY DETERMINED AND THAT US FRONT WAS UNTIED.

2. FOSCHI WARNED IF US LEAVES ILO, IT WILL BECOME "HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR THIRD WORLD ATTACKS ON IMEC STATES;" DEPT OFFICERS REPLIED THAT UNLESS WE REFORM AND DEPOLITIZE ILO, IT WILL BECOME THAT IN ANY CASE.

3. FOSCHI SAID ITALY WOULD HAVE "GREAT DIFFICULTY" FOLLOWING US OUT OF ILO. DEPT OFFICERS REPLIED THAT WE WERE NOT TRYING TO ORGANIZE A WALKOUT OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. FOSCHI OFFERED CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH USDEL GENEVA AND EVEN OFFERED TO GO TO GENEVA PERSONALLY IF USDEL THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL. FOSCHI OFFERED IN PARTICULAR TO APPROACH LIBYANS, BUT WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RESULTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE DEPT YOUR THOUGHTS RE FOSCHI VISIT TO GENEVA PER PARA 4 ABOVE, WITH COPY TO ROME. VANCE

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